



MONTHLY RUBBER STATISTICS MALAYSIA, APRIL 2020

Production of natural rubber increased 0.3 per cent on April 2020

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry in its press release on 22 March 2020 stated that agricultural activities including the rubber industry were allowed to continue operating during the Movement Control Order. Monthly Rubber Census for April 2020 was conducted during this period.

Production of natural rubber increased **0.3** per cent in April 2020 to **34,616** tonnes as compared to the previous month (**34,506** tonnes). Comparison year on year also showed an increase of **2.0** per cent as compared to the same month in the previous year.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted **40,596** tonnes, decreased by **10.2** per cent against **45,198** tonnes in March 2020. The primary natural rubber export destination is People's Republic of China with a share of **48.9** per cent from total exports in April 2020 followed by Germany (**12.1%**), U.S.A (**6.2%**), Iran (**5.3%**) and Taiwan (**3.5%**).

The highest exports were for glove items with **RM1,984.4 million**, an increase of **11.6** per cent as compared to March 2020. Malaysia exports the highest gloves to the United States with **97,905** tonnes in April 2020 compared to **24,737** tonnes in March 2020, an increase of **295.8** per cent, followed by People's Republic of China (**28.8%**) and Germany (**9.9%**). The increase was driven by high demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stocks of natural rubber continuously increased by **0.5** per cent from **319,486** tonnes in March 2020 to **321,214** tonnes in April 2020.

Average price of Latex Concentrate recorded a decline of **413.26** sen per kilogramme as compared to March 2020 (**435.66** sen per kilogramme). Standard Malaysian Rubber 20 (S.M.R. 20) also dropped to **472.64** sen per kilogramme as compared to **517.45** sen per kilogramme for the same period.

Total domestic consumption for natural rubber was **39,208** tonnes, decreased **7.9** per cent as compared to the previous month. Rubber gloves industry dominates the use of natural rubber with **35,080** tonnes or **89.5** per cent from the total domestic consumption.



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APRIL
2020

34,506



March 2020

PRODUCTION

Tonnes

0.3%

34,616

April 2020^P

AVERAGE PRICE



5.1%

LATEX
CONCENTRATE

8.7%

S.M.R 20

Apr. 2020 : 413.26
Mar. 2020 : 435.66Apr. 2020 : 472.64
Mar. 2020 : 517.45

(sen/Kg)

STOCKS

April 2020^P : 321,214 tonnesRubber
processors
90.5%Rubber
consumers
9.0%Rubber
estates
0.5%Rubber
gloves

89.5%

Rubber
thread

5.0%

DOMESTIC
CONSUMPTIONApril 2020^P : 39,208 tonnesTyres and
tubes

0.8%

Others



4.7%

P.R. China



48.9%

Germany



12.1%

EXPORTS

April 2020^P : 40,596 tonnes

6.2%



5.3%

Taiwan



3.5%

Production of natural rubber by main producing countries*,
April 2020

('000 tonnes)

Malaysia
34.6^PVietnam
40.0^eThailand
370.4^eSri Lanka
4.1^ePhilippines
1.8^eCambodia
15.3^eIndia
8.0^eIndonesia
230.0^eP.R. China
21.3^eP : preliminary
e : estimate

Source: Ministry of Primary Industries

*Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC)

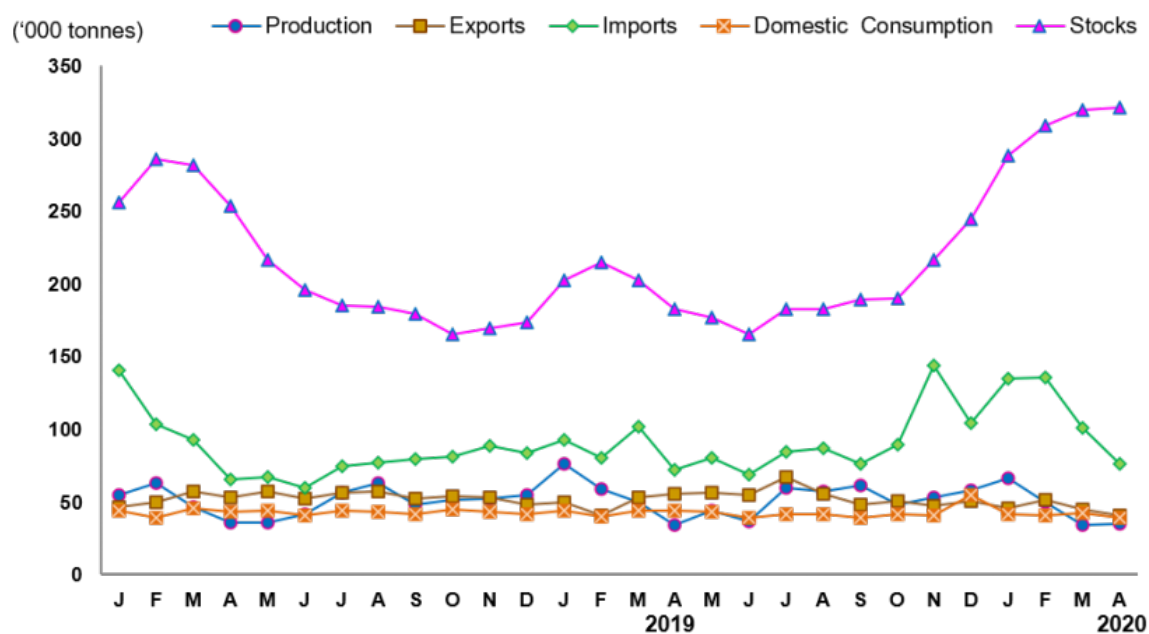
Source: Monthly Rubber Statistics, Malaysia, April 2020

Table 1 presents the principal statistics of rubber for April 2020 while Chart 1 shows the monthly time series from April 2019 to April 2020.

Table 1: Principal statistics of rubber, April 2020

Principal Statistics	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	Change month-on-month April 2020/ March 2020 (%)	Change year-on-year April 2020/ April 2019 (%)
Production (tonnes)	33,923	34,506	34,616	0.3	2.0
Exports (tonnes)	55,930	45,198	40,596	-10.2	-27.4
Imports (tonnes)	72,045	100,937	76,383	-24.3	6.0
Domestic consumption (tonnes)	44,169	42,555	39,208	-7.9	-11.2
Closing stocks (tonnes)	182,645	319,486	321,214	0.5	75.9
Number of paid workers (estate)	11,170	10,110	10,194	0.8	-8.7
Salaries & wages (estate) (RM'000)	15,336	14,030	13,959	-0.5	-9.0

Chart 1: Monthly production, exports, imports, domestic consumption and stocks of natural rubber 2019/2020



*Notes:

Data for April 2020 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the May 2020 publication.

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